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Letter dated 13 June 1991 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The United States of America, and on behalf of Australia, Canada, Japan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, requests that agenda items 127, United Nations common system, and 128, United Nations pension system, be reopened as soon as possible during the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly in order to consider the impact on the United Nations common system and pension system of the decision of the International Telecommunication Union Administrative Council to unilaterally implement a pension purchasing protection insurance plan as well as the decision of the Secretary-General of the Union to grant a special post allowance to the professional staff.

Regarding the pension system, we recall related General Assembly resolutions which sought to maintain the unity and integrity of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, and to avoid any action which would have an adverse effect on the common system under which all staff members should receive equal treatment, irrespective of their employing organization. We also recall General Assembly resolution 44/199 which requested the Union not to proceed with the implementation of its proposed pension purchasing power protection plan.

Regarding the common system, we recall related General Assembly resolutions which affirmed the importance of respect by all organizations members of the United Nations common system of common standards and arrangements.

I request that this letter be circulated to the membership of the General Assembly.

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